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to fill it by such ill-bred tactics. For he held week-day services in the school.

at which he introduced *extempore* prayer, quite in opposition to the spirit of our church formularies. And, moreover, he had no proper respect for its status as a clergyman with the petty tediousness of the towns at the corners of every street. Mark the result! He has spoilt these people. And now that I attempt to conduct the church worship with sober dignity, to discourage dissenting tendencies, and to do all that honest piety requires, my names are not for me. "Unspiritual," "proud," "self-indulgent," "worldly," are malle terms for their rector, who is here to rule over them by Episcopal authority, and in the name of God and the church. He is a man of the world, and the able dissenters and fiery radicals; a weariness to my life!"—*"The Curate of Shyrie."* By the Rev. Charles Anderson, M.A.

ITALIAN LITERATURE.

Scarcely in France has the tyranny of great names been so strong. Let an author try to go beyond what he was reminded how far short he fell of the sprightly grace of Ariosto; he would be grave, and the shade of Dante was invoked to rebuke his presumption. In England we are more tolerant.

ed, to be refreshed and cheered by
who possesses the requisite skill.

not rise at once from the perusal of a pleasing lyric in the pages of a magazine to desolating Shelley's "Sky-lark," nor do we damn Charles I. and Irving with an allusion to Hamlet and Hamlet. Theology and the political sciences of later Italian writers have taken Montonri's dictum *ad gramma verba*, and practised it with so much success that Italian literature is the last place in which we need look for an innugate. Theology and the political sciences of foreigners it has fallen into neglect. However, if there is any lover of Italy less intent on playing the critic than on being stirred and delighted, whose literary digestion is not so delicate as to be shocked by the colors and youth unspiced with Petrarchist subtleties, presented in words which have not passed through the Cruscan sieve, he may still find a wide and varied feast in the popular poetry of the Italian States.—*Cornhill*.

AN EASTERN RUSE.

It was at about a year after the last attack on Shalimar that the English general

came into their town. The men
Kokanee dresses, and looked as if t

and a hard journey; but they brought with them a good supply of rice, and in the afternoon got up a brisk trade. Two or three hundred of them went into the town and lodged here; but the market was not so good as they expected, and they were obliged to open an air-bazaar there. They offered for sale all sorts of fishills (for which Kokonag has always been famous) and tea, and dried fruits, and Russian snowdrops, and Chinese goods of different kind; and in return they received different articles. They returned to New, the Sikhri-Sephama being about the best place in the district of Aia, there were very plenty of houses to be had; and in a few days more they were to be sold.

the Kokansco had bought enough to
the whole caravan. Red girdles, to

in great demand; and before long there was hardly a man in the caravan without such a dagger. The Shabkiri-Sozians, however, who were new-comers from Bokhara, but the strangers answered that, when they passed through Samarcand, they heard that the Emir was lying sick, and that it was doubtful if he would recover; "and we hope he won't," said they, "for he is our enemy, and your enemy." So the Shabkiri-Sozians rejoiced over the good news, and the Karakumyks thought that the Shah's cow-fall might have brought it off, though it odd, if they had noticed it, some of their new guests should be always hanging about the Beg's palace or the city wall, seemingly very much interested in the height and strength of the ramparts; or that others should be fond of examining every cannon they saw, and even testing the firing-machine-hole. Their main object might have seemed curious that some of the Kokanaks, should take the trouble to climb the hills almost every day, and look wistfully along the road to the south; as if expecting something to appear on it. But nobody noticed those things; and very likely they wouldn't have understood them if they had. About a week after the arrival at Samarcand, the pilgrims came from the south in bigger numbers, but less with merchandise than, and in fact, consisting chiefly of pilgrims. Most of them seemed to be Afghans, but there were also a good many Persians, and even a few Indians, judging by their dress. Most of this last lot settled inside the town walls and took rank two days later than themselves; and so there were now three distinct classes made up. The Shabkiri-Sozians rather disdained them, and said these were the meanest pilgrims they had ever seen; but had they overheard the talk they guessed that night between two men who were strolling along the foot of the wall in the moonlight they might have thought otherwise.

"Well, call's ready, your honour," said

for my part. I'm sick of all this
and dodging and want to cut sword

on like an honest man." "In everything arranged as I ordered?" asked I. "Every thing, your honour. The cannon are spiked and the wall of the palace has a bag of powdered under it, big enough to knock a six-foot giant in it when it goes off. Three or four of our men are going to get up a story on the bazaar to-morrow and that's to be the signal for setting fire to the booths, and beginning the attack. All the second lot have got red girdles, too, so we shall be able to recognise them," said I right. "About noon the next day there was a great disturbance in the bazaar. An Afghan robber swore he had been cheated by a Shikharri and was going to avenge himself on him about buying for justice. The trader, getting angry in his turn, fiercely denied it, and cried out that the Afghans themselves were all robbers from their birth; whereupon the other knocked him down. In an instant upon every shout that seemed to fill the whole air, every lane of the bazaar bristled with armed men, and the Afghan and Shikharri rushed through the road throng; and over the whole town at once the massacre began. It's no use trying to describe the next hour or two. It was like no other fight I ever fought—not a fair hand-to-hand battle, but murder and raging madness breaking out in the very midst of a merry-quarry scene. The Afghan and Shikharri fought without firearms, and with no one to lead them, the Shikharri Solzians stood to it like men, and sold their lives dearly. Fire above, blood below; hot flashes and blinding smoke all round; men falling right and left like mown grass; the whole air filled with shrieks, and howls, and screams, and cries of pain and death; the men and boiling water flung down upon us by the women in the houses, and death and the devil running riot everywhere."—"The Boy Slave in Bokhara."

"We have read of a singing mouse, and of a speaking fish, but who," the *Daily Free Press*, writes, "has ever heard of a singing duck?" Yet Mr. Dickenson, of the Excelsior Hotel, Vincent-street north, informs us that he possesses such a feathered phenomenon. When he is round his house, he is wont to hear it utter a peep in his country a common barn-door cack, and about two months ago it began to utter a sharp next door. He says he could hardly believe his ears at first, but when he saw the little bird uttering a peep, he was convinced of the truth. He says, "Instead of the usual creak, the duck goes through the preliminary motions of a vigorous creak, and then utters the above-mentioned note, which is a peep, and which, as you have heard the bird pronounce it to be, is great courtesy. Probably it could be trained

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